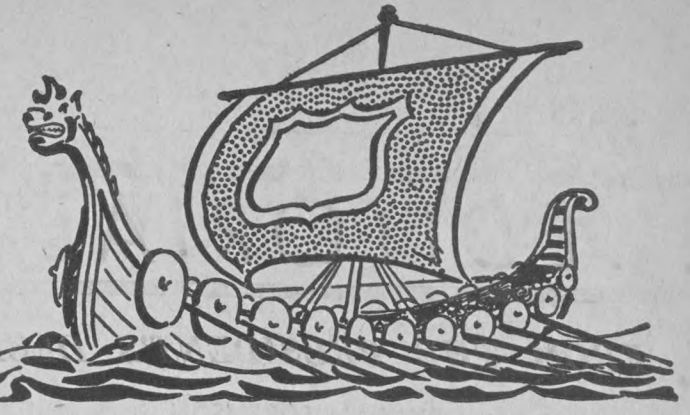


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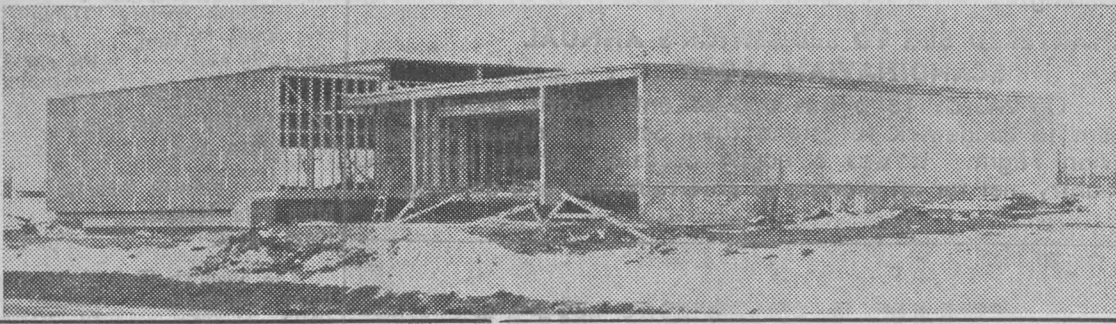
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## "We are building the Centre" SHARE DRIVE



### JOHN RAMA . . .

It was on a cold winter morning approximately 40 years ago when a friend of John Rama's suddenly suggested . . . "Let's go to some warmer country." In those days a young man made up his mind in a hurry, and it wasn't long after when John, his friend, and another chap were on this side of the Atlantic.

While the climate didn't improve very much, it must have suited him fairly well, because he's still here and you sure don't hear him complain very much about it.

He landed here in 1924, which makes him a 40-year resident in this country, and most of those years have been spent right here in Edmonton.

You often hear people say how lucky someone was to have lived in Edmonton, but lots of people say, and I agree, that it was fortunate for Edmonton to have had John stay and work here. However, it wasn't till after quite a few different moves and jobs that he became an Edmontonian.

#### First Job In Mountains

His very first job in Canada was in the B.C. mountains working for a C.N.R. Section Gang in Albrede. The job didn't last very long, and in a short while he changed the scenery to the Saskatchewan plains.

In 1925 John made his first stop in Edmonton, looked around a bit, and decided to go to a logging camp at Greencourt. He spent the winter there making railroad ties and studying English in his spare time. Tie-making in those days was real man's work, and it was the strong man who made money. In spare-time competitions, John was usually the man who hoisted the heaviest log on his shoulder.

#### Jasper Park River Drive

During the following summer he went to Jasper Park to a riverdrive, floating logs to loading places. There he had an accident which could have turned into a real



tragedy.

In this instance a few logs were stuck against a rock, and little by little the pile grew to form a huge log jam. Somebody had to go and release the holding log. Three young men, John one of them, volunteered to give it a try. They took a boat and, pulling against the current, arrived below the jam. The hardest part was now before them. The idea was to cut the log, scramble back to the boat and ride downstream with released logs. However, when the jam gave way the boat got loose from the man holding it and the fellows were thrown in the water with the logs. Luckily they were able to fight their way to a sandbar. As they climbed it, John tripped and was thrown back in the water, and John was pinned against a large boulder at the side of the sandbar, under the heavy current. The boulder was undermined by the water and the force of the current was pushing him right under it. In the meantime his partners had realized, to their surprise, that John had disappeared, while all the time John was fighting for his life practically below their feet. The rock was round, good

handhold was impossible, and air was getting desperately short. He tells the story himself . . . "I continued to fight and finally with one frantic effort I was able to come around the rock, and in doing so my hand came out of the water and one of my partners saw it, grabbed it quickly, and was able to pull me up. It was as close a call as any man cares to have."

Well, things like that don't bother a young man very long, the drive was resumed as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

#### Leaves For Prairies

Still, perhaps on account of that adventure, he decided to go to the safer prairies, and there, working on farms, he stayed until 1927.

1927 was to be an eventful year for John Rama. It was then that he entered his long-time profession of cement work, and that year saw him married. His wife, Bertha, has been a real partner during the years, and together they have raised a fine family of four, Doris, Leslie, Bill and Clarence. They also have eight grandchildren, and the place sure jumps when they come to visit Grandma and Grandpa.

Since 1927 John has been employed by the City of Edmonton and he can boast quite a few "firsts" in this town. For instance he laid the first concrete and the Municipal Airport in No. 1 and No. 2 hangars; he also laid the first concrete on the Low Level Bridge.

During his first years with the City he was employed on a seasonal basis, and with lots of time in the winter he decided to take up a homestead at Goose Lake. With hard work and Finnish "isn" they turned it into a nice farm, and solid still are the buildings he and Bertha erected there years ago. It was with regret that they had to leave it in 1936.

#### Interested In Organizations

For a long time John Rama has

NEEDED . . . \$50,000.00 BETWEEN NOW AND THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CENTRE . . .

. . . . AND YOU WILL WANT TO BE ON THE HONOR ROLL.

Canvassers are working hard on behalf of every shareholder. Mr. Shareholder, when the canvasser calls on you, be sure to treat him courteously, and, MOST IMPORTANT, be sure to buy that share for your spouse, and one for each of your children. You will want all your family to be included on the HONOR ROLL. All who buy shares up to the day the Centre officially opens will be included in a Grand Honor Roll to be placed in the beautiful lobby of the new Centre, where visitors may scan the pages to see if your name is there.

Mr. Shareholder, will you also give the canvasser the names of people who are interested in joining this important community project. Help the canvassers in every way you can. Phone and give them leads! They are working hard to secure those 20 shares each . . . and they must get them because we need \$50,000.00 to pay for the Centre we are building.

. . . . AND THE FOLLOWING CANVASSERS are out in full force to see that the Centre is paid for:

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# EDITORIAL

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

BY S. A. SORENSON



### WE ARE BUILDING THE CENTRE . . .

. . . and activity has never been so great. Since the annual general meeting of shareholders on February 18, 1964, there have been meetings galore — at the McLeod Building, at the Centre itself, and in homes. Everyone is interested in seeing the Centre completed and paid for by the time of the official opening expected to be some time in May or June.

### NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET FEBRUARY 25 . . .

At the organizational meeting the Directors accepted the following responsibilities:

|                                                          |                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President . . . . .                                      | S. A. Sorenson                                                    |
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| Director of Share Selling<br>and Correspondent . . . . . | S. A. Sorenson                                                    |

The highlights of the meeting were:

- H. A. (Gus) Hansen appointed as bookkeeper and treasurer.
- The Centre joined the Canadisk Scandinavian Komitee in Copenhagen with a membership fee of \$25.00.
- A share drive was to be launched immediately with S. A. Sorenson in charge.
- Share applications were accepted from: W. Myhre, L. Larsen, A. Lauste, A. Franzen, A. H. Eamonus, Mrs. E. Schuize, Mrs. Vera E. Boulton.

### SPECIAL DIRECTORS' MEETING ON FINANCE HELD FEBRUARY 27 . . .

The Directors met at the home of Mrs. Linnea Lodge to discuss finances. It was decided to leave term deposits at the National Trust until May 1, 1964, in order to collect the interest payable at six-month intervals, and to make a temporary loan from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to pay progress claims of R. Volian Ltd. This arrangement would save the Centre approximately \$750.00 in interest.

Mrs. L. Lodge served a delightful lunch.

### SHARE DRIVE LAUNCHED MARCH 5, 1964

An enthusiastic meeting of canvassers (50 in total) met at the Devlin Banquet Room. S. A. Sorenson, Director of share selling, outlined the campaign (see details on "We're Building the Centre" campaign elsewhere in this paper).

Each canvasser selected 20 shareholders and 6 partially-paid share applicants to contact.

Coffee and doughnuts were served, and all left the meeting eager to get going on the sale of 20 shares each.

### REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS MARCH 10 1964

These are the highlights:

- 15 share applications accepted from Torstein Belsheim, Andrew Bakken, Svend Tychsen, Ole Knudsen, Martin Purho, Ove Klostergaard, Halvor Gronseth, Helge Nelson, Alfrida Gustafson, Melvin and Ina Anderson, Walter Jensen, Veikko Leino, Per Aaslund, Johann Langelo and the Danish Young Women's Club.
- A Christmas Charter Flight is to be started under the direction of Mrs. Vera Nielsen.
- Mrs. R. Sivertsen to take charge of this year's Exhibition activities.

- Don Johnson, Chairman of the Planning Committee, gave a report of changes in plans of the Centre.
- P. Norman Christensen gave a comprehensive report on furnishings. He had secured the assistance of Claus Hoffman, a specialist in interior decorating.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS MARCH 9

This special meeting was arranged by P. N. Christensen, Chairman of the sub-committee on Furnishing and Decorating. Directors met at the European Art Salon where Claus Hoffman presented a comprehensive plan for the new Centre with regard to furnishing and decorating.

### NEW ENGINEER, GUS DOORNBURG,

#### WORKING HARD ON CENTRE . . .

Mr. Gus Doornburg has replaced Mr. Ludvig Erhard as supervising engineer. He is perhaps the busiest man around the Centre as he tries to co-ordinate the efforts of the Architect, the contractor, sub-contractors and the planning committee. Many meetings have been held right on the site to make last-minute changes to improve the Centre.

### VOLUNTEER WORK NEEDED . . .

It will be difficult to use volunteer help until such time as the contractor, R. Volian, has completed his work. I would suggest, however, that those who wish to contribute in this way leave their names along with the kind of work they can do, with the Scandinavian Centre office, 600 McLeod Building.

### CHARTERED BUS TO SEDGEWICK'S ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT . . .

On March 13 a bus-load of enthusiastic shareholders went to Sedgewick to attend their Second Annual Scandinavian Night. It was a happy occasion, where town and country met for an evening of entertainment and dancing.

## THE LETTER BOX

Dear Editor:

May I be permitted to answer some of the questions appearing in the February issue Letter Box.

Question No. 1.—Should the Centre have Salons for each Ethnic Group?

Question No. 4.—What facilities do you think the Centre should have?

Frankly, those two questions caused me to smile. Have we been working 10 years in the dark, to put up a building at a cost of more than \$105,000.00, not knowing what we are going to use it for.

No, I do not think so. I have before me two different sets of plans, drawn up for previous proposed locations, both of them have plans for Salons. Also before me I have a copy of a brief presented to Edmonton City Council at the time we negotiated for the Borden Park Site. The fact about the five Salons was pointed out in this brief as a special feature. To me and to many other people, the Salons have been and still are one of the main bearing pillars of the Centre. So much for the moral side of this issue, now for the financial point of view. As I see it, we cannot afford to forget about the Salons at

this time or any other time for that matter. Here let me use Mr. Sig. Sorenson's figures from his presentation, "Looking Ahead". Mr. Sorenson concludes that our operating expenses will amount to approximately \$15,000.00 per year, he assumes it possible to secure \$10,000.00 from the main floor and \$5,000.00 from the basement per year. Mr. Sorenson further outlines how this \$5,000.00 from the basement can be obtained through renting it to the various Lodges. To add it up in bare figures, the basement, which has added perhaps \$10,000.00 to the total cost of the building will be earning one-third of the operational cost and the main building costing \$135,500.00 will be earning only two-thirds of the cost.

Friends, we simply cannot afford to omit the Salons.

From the above quoted suggestions, it appears that the Lodges will be paying more than a reasonable share of the operational cost; therefore, the answer to question No. 2 should be yes, the Lodges receive a special rental rate for the rest of the building.

Tom Nielsen

### Mrs. Anna Josephine Olafson



ANNA J. OLAFSON

Anna Josephine Moholt was born in Salangdalen, Norway, October

10, 1895. She emigrated to Canada on June 27, 1923, to Tofield, Alberta, and married Conrad Ingwald Olafson on December 13, 1924.

The couple moved to LaGlace, Alberta, where they farmed until 1935; then came to Edmonton where they lived until 1939. Their next move was to Yellowknife, N.W.T. Eighteen years later they again took up residence in Edmonton, where Mrs. Olafson passed away on March 4, 1964. Her husband predeceased her in December, 1962.

She is survived by two sons, Alf and Bernard, and two grandchildren, David and Connie, all of Edmonton, also four sisters and three brothers of Norway. She was a member of Sons of Norway Lodge for 30 years.

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### Danish Money

Within a short time, there will be new 25 ore in Denmark with a hole in the middle, the reason for this is the complaint over how easy it is to mistake a 1 Krone piece for a 25 ore piece.

There will only be seven coins, namely a 5 Krone piece, 1 Krone piece both in silver, the 2 Krone piece is going out altogether. 25 ore with a hole and 10 ore will be made of a white metal. 5 orer and 1 orer will be of copper.

### Swedish Ambassador To Visit Edmonton

Sweden's Ambassador to Canada Ragnvald Bagge, and Mrs. Bagge, together with Embassy Press Attache, Mr. Lars Arno, will arrive in Edmonton on Tuesday, April 28th, leaving May 1st. Their visits will include calling on the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, the Premier of Alberta, and the Mayor of Edmonton. They have also expressed their desire to meet with the Edmonton community of Swedish descent.

### Young Adults Plans Set

The young adults of Augustana Lutheran Church will go curling this Saturday at the Granite Curling Club at 8:15. In addition to this recreation event, a number of other programs of interest are on the future schedule.

The John Osbornes' Play entitled "Look Back in Anger" will be seen by the group at Studio Theatre on April 3.

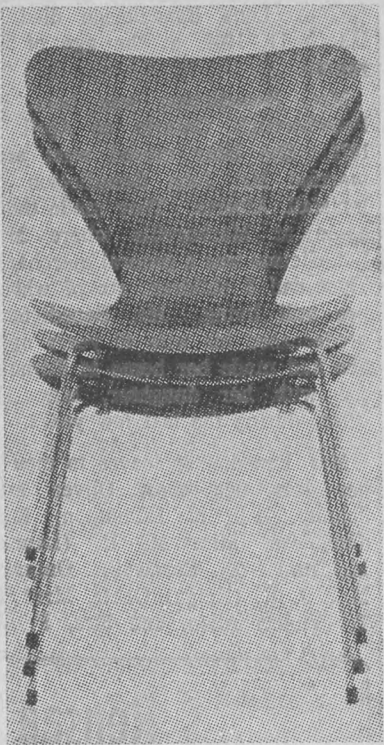
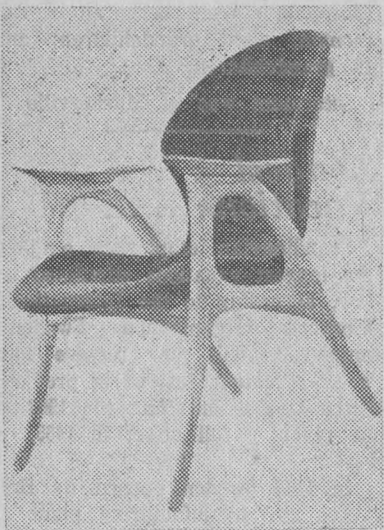
Later in the month, Augustana's Parish Worker will make a presentation on the church in the world of today.

A future date of special interest at the end of April will be a presentation by Dr. Hobart from the U. of A. on "Racial Discrimination" in Canada.

Young Adults who wish to take part in these activities are most welcome.



## Sneak Preview On Site . . . April 12th!



SAMPLES  
OF CENTRE  
FURNITURE . . .

In co-operation with R. Vollen Ltd., contractor for the Scandinavian Centre Building, and the Planning Committee, "OPEN HOUSE" to preview the Scandinavian Centre will be held on the site on Sunday, April 12th, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Directors will be on hand along with the Planning Committee and the Committee on Furnishings and Decorating who will have samples of the furnishings now on order. This is the ideal opportunity for you to drop in with your family and friends to "see how the Centre's coming . . ."

Perhaps a friend has considered buying shares in the Centre — invite him along! He can see then what an outstanding Centre we're going to have.

Everyone is welcome!

See you on site — 125 Avenue and 142 Street, SUNDAY, APRIL 12, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

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## RONALD NELSEN TO SING ROLE



Baritone Ronald Nelsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelsen of Nampa, Alberta, will sing the role of Silvio in the Edmonton Professional Opera Association's production of Pagliacci at the Jubilee Auditorium on April 10th and 11th. This opera is better known in Scandinavia under the name of "Bajader."

Ron studied for three years at the Opera School in Toronto during which time he sang with the Canadian Opera Company, Montreal Opera Guild, C.B.C., and Stratford

Festival. A Canada Council Scholarship made further studies in London, England, possible.

In addition to a wonderful baritone voice, Ronald Nelsen has an outstanding stage presence. He is married to lovely Diane Nelsen who so successfully sang in Madam Butterfly, the Edmonton Opera Association's last production.

Others singing lead roles in Pagliacci are Dorothy Harpell as "Nedda," Ermmano Mauro as "Canio" and Bernard Turgeon as "Tonio."

## SKANDIA GLIMPSES

Evelyn and Willard Modin were visitors at Buford Lodge No. 577 meeting on February 27th.

Julius and Pearl Hober are holidaying in Hawaii, and from the latest reports are getting so much sun tan we won't recognize them on their return.

Wayne Modin has returned home to Edmonton after working at Yellowknife.

Members reported sick and convalescing: Alma Samuelson, Ivy Ogren, Evelyn Modin, Roger Sund.

Hilda Rydman and son are on a motor holiday to San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Edward Eliasson of Lacombe, Alberta, was recently in Edmonton visiting friends and relatives.

Norman Peterson was recently in the play, "Night of January 16th" at the Strand Theatre, presented by the Edmonton Repertory Co. In his role he showed great talent and gave a fine performance.

Gordon and Shirley Pearson have been on a skiing holiday to Jasper, Alberta.

Mr. Fred Skoog is convalescing in the University Hospital after his recent operation.

### VASA LADIES

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their last meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pierre. The April 11th meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson, 11003 - 125th St.

### CHILDREN'S CLUB

April 19th the children will be holding their Spring Program in the I.O.O.F. Temple at 2 p.m.

### WHIST PARTY

Eight tables were set up for the February 19th Whist Party. Cash prizes were as follows:

Men's High — Amil Johnson.

Men's Low — Erving Kurz.

Ladies' High — Ida Oakes.

Ladies' Low — Anna Dodd.

Next party will be held at Westwood Hall, March 18th at 8 p.m.

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been a keen organization man. In 1937 he joined the Moose Lodge and has been a strong member ever since.

Almost from the start he has been closely connected with the Scandinavian Centre Association, and of course the Finnish Society has benefited greatly from his participation.

The first four years in the Finnish Society he served as president and has been a member of the executive for seven years. For several years he has represented the Finnish Society at the Edmonton Citizenship Council and has been our representative at the Annual Shareholders' meeting of the Scandinavian Centre Association.

**1963 A Milestone**

Last year, or to be more exact last December, was another milestone in John Rama's life . . . his 65th birthday and retirement from the City.

There may be people who resent retirement and feel unwanted by society for reasons imagined or otherwise; John Rama sure doesn't seem to be one of them! As a matter of fact he is enjoying it thoroughly, and he says, he can spend more time on the things he wants to do. An outdoorsman, he is a dyed-in-the-wool hunter, and many a duck can be sorry for having been a little too close. Although he complains of poor luck fishing, he still casts a pretty mean line to put enough fish in the frying pan.

Of course, we cannot forget his Finnish "Sauna" which is often heated and enjoyed by him and many of his friends.

Yes, we think that John Rama is going to be a happy retired man, and we know he will continue to be a real asset to his community.

**SOLGLYT**

The "Norwegian Night" social is now an event of the past and there was disappointment at the low attendance. Games of whist were played with prizes being won by Mrs. Johanna Reno, who won a Norwegian plate; Mrs. Marie Dreyer who won a Norwegian cup and saucer; Mrs. Maisie Amdam; Mr. Alvin Searl; and Mr. Joe Lineham Joe won a pipe donated by Mr. Ole Aarsteinsen. Thanks to the ladies who donated towards the Norwegian lunch.

**Future Dates**

April 17—Bingo Night . . . Masonic Temple.

April 10—Sunray Junior Lodge Dance . . . Devlin Banquet Room. Members and friends are invited

April 11—Edmonton Sons of Norway, Calgary Bowling Tournament. (See advertisement).

May 2—Annual Bowlers Banquet and Dance.

May 3—Annual Coffee Party.

**Ladies' Auxiliary**

The March Auxiliary meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Holten. Discussion centred on the Spring Carnival in March and Bingo in April. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mina MacDonald, 10762 - 75th Avenue on Friday, April 3. The draw prize was won by Mrs. Ella Searl. The whist night that was to have been held on February 29 had to be postponed. The tentative date set is for April 10 at the home of Mrs. Lydia Naversteth, 10157 - 122 Street. We are looking for a good turn-out.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Annual Coffee Party**

The annual coffee party will be held in the Masonic Temple Banquet room on Sunday, May 3rd, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. The program will feature the Crystal Singers. Everyone welcome.

**Personal**

Members of Sons of Norway extend their deepest sympathy to the Olafson family in the passing of Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Anne Olafson, on March 14 at the age of 68. She was a member of Solglyt Lodge for 30 years and contributed much of her time and energy especially in the kitchen during Lutfisk suppers. Lefse was one of her specialties.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnsrude are pleased to announce the arrival of Doreen Ingebjorg on March 5th. She was born at the General hospital and weighed 7 lbs. 8 1/4 ounces. A sister for Debbie, Della and Dennis.

Louise Flewelling has returned home from an enjoyable 3 weeks holiday visiting with friends at Trinidad.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sollie are looking forward to spending an extended Easter holiday with their daughter Turid, in the San Fernando Valley, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holten had as recent visitors their two daughters, Mrs. Fred Swetitch with her two children and Mrs. Jerry Walker with her three children from the Judy Creek and Swan Hills area.

Mrs. Orla Tychsen entertained in her home recently her sister Mrs. Alice Haukeness and cousin Mrs. Jean Hadon from southern Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson's little girl Maureen is in the Royal Alexandra hospital with bronchial pneumonia. At the time of writing she was in a croup tent. We wish Maureen a speedy recovery.

**Life Member Of Icelandic Society Passes Away**

Mrs. Lena Benedictson died on (Josephine) Wetterberg, all of Edmonton; eight grandchildren; and 18 grandchildren.

Interment was at Markerville.

**Longest Vacations . . .**

Scandinavian employees enjoy the longest vacations stipulated by law, according to the International Worker's Organization. Sweden's employees will now receive four weeks vacation, instead of previous three weeks, in effect for 1963 to be reaching full effect in 1965.

In 1963 Sweden opened its first Volvo car manufacturing plant abroad in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada. Volvo's program for the Canadian market is 10,000 cars yearly.

Mrs. Benedictson was born in Peterborough, Ontario, on April 2, 1876. She later moved west and married Mr. John Benedictson in Innisfail, Alberta. They made their home at Markerville where Mr. Benedictson was a general merchant. They had 8 children, six of whom are still living. Mr. Benedictson predeceased his wife 40 years ago. She had made her home in Edmonton with her daughter, Mrs. H. Allen, during the last few years.

Mrs. Benedictson leaves to mourn her loss two sons, Oliver and Johnny, both of Edmonton; four daughters, Mrs. M. R. (Laura) Meldrum of Cornwall, Ontario, Mrs. J. R. (Helga) Gaetz, Mrs. H. T. (Violet) Allen, and Mrs. F. V.

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**Friendship Centre Opens**

Some three hundred visitors attended the official opening of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in February, 1963. Since that time the Centre has welcomed a constant flow of native people.

The Friendship Centre is conveniently located downtown within easy walking distance of urban facilities. The building accommodates two offices, a handicraft room, lecture room, common room, library and kitchen. An adjoining lot provides space for a horseshoe pitch.

The Camsell Arrow provides this description of activities at the Centre: "This Centre is first of all — friendly. There is music here provided by the radio or record player; there is a violin here and a guitar, and someone can always play them. Dancing is spontaneous — so is singing. The cribbage board plays favorite over chess or checkers. Scrabble games are played periodically . . ."

Executive director of the Friendship Centre is Phillip Thompson, a member of the Slave 3 band, Fort Simpson Agency.

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## ICELANDIC NOTES

Eleanor Dorian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Henrickson, will be married to Mr. John Henning on March 28th at Strathcona Baptist Church.

Mr. Bill Halldorson has been on the sick list for the last month and has had to remain quietly at home recuperating. He hopes to be back to work at the end of March. We hope you will take it easy, Bill, and get well soon.

Mrs. Ed Hordal of Yellowknife was a patient in the Royal Alexandra Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Mr. Danny Sigmundson of Gimli, Manitoba, brother-in-law of Mr. Earl Valgardson, visited with the Valgardson's a few days while enroute to Fort St. John, B.C.

Our condolences to Mrs. Jack (Ila) Henrickson whose father, Mr. Charles Frederick Tookey, passed away on February 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar of Lyleton, Manitoba, visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorvaldson, for some time during February.

Mrs. G. Gislason was a patient in the University Hospital but is home now and, we are glad to report, doing fine.

Oh, those aching muscles! Mr. Walter Arason travelled to Winnipeg by train to curl in a one-day bonspiel on March 14th.

Mrs. Freda Smith would greatly appreciate any articles suitable for sale at a bazaar, such as sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc. The bazaar, to be held in June, will be sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Icelandic Old People's Home in Vancouver. Please give your support to a worthwhile cause.

Larry Chmelyk, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Chmelyk, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henrickson, has been a patient in the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

"Don't grumble at the rainy hours  
Because you know these April showers  
Bring life to all the summer flowers."

The month of April also brings birthday greetings to: Mr. S. Isfeld on April 25th and Mr. F. Fredrickson on April 27th. The very best wishes to these gentlemen and all other members celebrating a birthday in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gablehouse of Vegreville had the extreme misfortune recently to lose their Vegreville Electric Hatchery by fire. The main building, equipment, and 25,000 newly hatched chicks were destroyed. Mr. Gablehouse is a relation of the Gislason family.

### Wanted - Nabob Coupons!

We now have over 1,900 Nabob coupons, but we need 3,300 before we can order a coffee urn. Many thanks to all the people who have answered our urgent plea and sent coupons. Our lunch convener, Mrs. Pearl Valgardson, is now custodian of the coupons, so please send any you may have to Pearl at 6515 - 112A Street.

## Buford Lodge Initiates Four

Four new members were recently initiated into the Lodge: Frank and Gerda Erickson; Victor Wold; and Cheryl Bostrum.

Carl Elenius recently sold his farm at Pigeon Lake and is planning to move. Good luck in your new venture, Carl.

Four rinks made up of Buford Lodge members drove down to Falun where Nordstjarnan Lodge played hosts in a very enjoyable Bonspiel. The ice was keen and the food was scrumptious. Thank you, Nordstjarnan, for your wonderful hospitality, and thank you also for that feeling of Lodge brotherhood we felt in your midst. Some teams counted more points than others, but everyone won a prize.

Everyone is looking forward to March 28th when Skandia and Nordstjarnan will meet Buford at Calmar Curling Rink for another day of curling and fun.

The Committee has begun plans for a Smorgasbord to be held at Calmar Hall; the date set was April 24th.

Congratulations to Bernard and Delores Johnson on the birth of their son, Philip Helmar.

The Sick Committee reports Emil Kvarnberg and L. Pearson under the weather recently. We hope they are soon well again.

Get well wishes also go out to Mrs. Robert Pearson, Thorsby, who has recently undergone a tonsillectomy at the Devon Hospital.

## Youth Night Held At Vasa

Vasa Lodge's March 7th meeting was Youth Night, with the following members holding official office this one night of the year:

Chairman, Ken Petterson; Vice-Chairman, Pauline Johnson; Secretary, Brian Johnson; Vice-Secretary, Elwood Johnson; Financial Secretary, Doreen Nyroos; Assistant Financial Secretary, Gerald Bergquist; Treasurer, Raymond Wold; Master of Ceremonies, Fae Johnson; Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Carol Engvall; Chaplain, Ray Nyroos.

Folke Larson from GCD Scandinavian Lodge No. 670, Medicine Hat, was a visitor at our meeting.

New Investigating Committee elected as follows:

Julius and Pearl Hober; Lennert and Joan Petterson; Eric and Margaret Engval.

Sympathy Correspondence, Hansine Pierre.

Initiations will be held at the April meeting.

Many thanks to the young members on the way they handled the meeting.

Next meeting will be April 4th at 7 p.m., I.O.O.F. Temple.

Lunch was served and prepared by Violet Watson, Jean Anderson, Anna Johnson, Astrid Winquist and Doreen Heeks. Dancing followed to end the evening.

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## FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Sunday, March 15th, many members and friends of the Finnish Society participated in the annual fishing derby which was held again this year at Lac St. Anne. Mr. A. Ruuth was winner of the men's division and Mrs. A. Kovacs was winner of the women's division. We are sorry to say that there was no winner in the children's division due to the fact that no fish were caught. However, the children did report a few nibbles.

Thank you to Mrs. V. Rastas and Mrs. R. Vesaniemi who served coffee after the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Kuivakangas of Sudbury, Ontario, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vesalainen, before travelling on to Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. Kuivakangas is Mr. Vesalainen's sister.

Thank you to Mrs. L. Kuusela for being hostess of the March sewing-circle. The next circle will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri, April 15th, 16112 - 104 Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rama and children of Calgary, Alberta, have moved to Burstall, Saskatchewan.

Mr. W. Rama is working at the new Pacific Petroleum plant there which opened on March 21, 1964.

Pastor and Mrs. Koponen of Vancouver, B.C., were in Edmonton recently. During their stay, Pastor Koponen held a Finnish church service at Augustana Lutheran Church, for the Finnish people. After the service, Pastor and Mrs. Koponen showed a movie which was taken on their trip to Finland a few years ago.

"Kun Naiset Pelkaavat", a one act play was presented at the act play was presented at the March social. Many thanks to the cast for a job very well done. By request, the play will again be presented at the April social. We hope that all those people who missed seeing this amusing play the first time, will be sure to come on April 4th to Cromdale Hall at 8:00 p.m. to see it.

"Ala Nuolase," a Finnish movie, was shown at Cromdale Hall on March 14th.

## Ken Oliver M.C.

The Icelandic Society Spring Dance, held at the Club Mocombo on March 14th, was a huge success. Everyone was in a dancing mood and helped along by our good friend, Ken Oliver, who kindly acts as our genial master of ceremonies. This dance held an added attraction, with two lovely girls, Miss Carol Isfeld and Miss Jackie Bradley, toiling as barmaids and doing a wonderful job. Pearl Valgardson, lunch convener, wants to thank everyone who either brought or sent sandwiches for the lunch.

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## Bergum, A Booster From Camrose . . .

Every Saturday morning at 10:30 Lee Bergum is your host on the Scandinavian Program at CFCW, Camrose. This hour and a half program brings to you music and folk songs from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. Birthday and Anniversary Greetings and dedications are aired each week and music both old and new is sent out to the many Scandinavians in the Northern Alberta area.

Surprisingly enough, many of the letters received on CFCW's Scandinavian Program are from people not of Scandinavian origin. This is further proof that the music of Scandinavia is winning the hearts of Canadians of every nationality.

Lee is employed full time in the Continuity Department at CFCW and devotes his spare time preparing for the Scandinavian Program on Saturday morning. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Bergum were early pioneers from North Dakota and homesteaded at Sedgewick, Alberta. He received his schooling in Edmonton and worked at CICA before going to Europe in 1962.

When Lee returned to Canada last June he went to CFCW, Camrose. CFCW has a good collection of Scandinavian music and you're invited to tune in each Saturday morning at 10:30 for the music of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland.

## Night Of Surprises . . .

Five tables gaily decorated down the middle with foil on which an array of open faced sandwiches, with everything from pickled herrings, caviar, quarter chicken or what have you, as only the Danes make them, was the surprise greeting of "Dania" to 150 people at the South Side Legion Hall on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. About 50 more people turned up to take in the dancing from 9 to 1 a.m. and most of them bought sandwiches till the wee hour. Congratulations to Svend and Inger Kristiansen for a wonderful job well done.

An unexpected surprise turned up in the person of Mr. Mogens Pedersen from Slagelse, Denmark. Mr. Pedersen, a newspaper man, arrived in Edmonton a few hours before the Supper Party and by chance got wind of it. Mr. Pedersen's mission in Canada is to write about Danish Immigrants in Canada in his home paper, "Sjaellands Tidende". His trip is sponsored by the Canadian Government, as a Thank You gesture for his paper's interest and publicity given to the Scandinavian-Canadian Foundation's Celebration of Canada's July 1st each year in Denmark. Mr. Pedersen had toured eastern Canada before coming here; he left Saturday morning for Yellowknife. We really got a golden opportunity to put Edmonton on the map; he

was still making tape recordings and writing notes at 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

Our Scandinavian Centre took his fancy to the extent that he bought a share. If anyone is interested in reading "Sjaellands Tidende" hereafter, they will be able to buy this from Vera Nielsen.

Birgit Nilsson, Metropolitan Opera's famed Swedish soprano, swoon-Oslo last week, when she appeared with Oslo Philharmonic, Oivin Fjeldstad conductor. The concert was attended by King Olav.

Rev. Alex Johnson, 53, Oslo, has been named Bishop of Hamar, to succeed Dr. Kr. Schjelderup.

Parliament has approved ratification of the cultural exchange agreement signed between Norway and the People's Republic of China. Three of the 29 Conservative MP's voted against.

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## New Type Figures and Spacing Feature Alberta's 1964 Automotive License Plates



Alberta's 1964 vehicle license plates, which go on sale March 1, 1964, will have a different appearance to those issued in the province in previous years. The size will be the standard 12 x 6 inches and the colors, white letters and numerals on a blue background, have been used previously, but there the similarity ends.

The new license plates will have two letters, a small dash, two digits, a small dash, then two more digits. The separation of the letters and digits into equidistant groups of two makes for lessening of the possibility of transposition errors in reading the plates, as both letters and numbers are more easily remembered in pairs.

A number of other changes which will be apparent in the 1964 licenses, all in the cause of greater legibility, are:

- (1) The province name and the year will appear across the bottom of the plate, both on the same line.
- (2) The height of letters and digits has been increased by one half inch to three inches;
- (3) The width of each stroke of the digits has been thinned 1/16 of an inch, to allow for more space in the centre, making digits easier to decipher;
- (4) The shapes of certain digits, such as the 3, 4, 6 and 9, have been altered.

All these changes have been made for the purpose of bringing the digit area into the proper perspective with the background area, which in turn provides maximum legibility. Considerable research and investigation has gone into the design of these license plates.

This same careful research has been applied in the determination of the colours to be used for Alberta license plates, and the Department of Highways has established a schedule of colour combinations, which are used in rotation. These were selected as the colour combinations having the greatest legibility under various conditions of light and weather. The 1963 plates had black letters and digits on white background, 1964 will be white on blue.

Following the policy of changing the letters used on Alberta license plates each year, the Department of Highways will be issuing plates bearing the letters B, C, E, and H, as the first letter, in 1964. Plates bearing the letter B in the first position will be issued at all points south of Edmonton except the city of Calgary. Calgary license plates will begin with the letter C, while Edmonton vehicles will bear the letter E at the beginning of

their license numbers. All areas north of Edmonton will be issued with license plates beginning with H. Various types of commercial vehicles will be designated by a letter placed between the 'Alberta' and '1964' on the bottom line, e.g. F for farm, CV for commercial vehicle, PSV for public service vehicle, etc.

Second position letters used on 1964 Alberta license plates are A, B, C, D, E, J, K, L, N, R, T, X, Z. The others have been eliminated for various reasons; for example, G looks too much like a C, so both are never used in the same year, similarly E and F are alike. From a distance, or at a quick glance, M and W appear as solid "blobs," so are never used at any time. Other letters are eliminated in certain years, because of ridiculous or offensive combinations with the first place letters.

A total of 620,000 license plates for Alberta vehicles have been manufactured at the Fort Saskatchewan Gaol, and are now ready for distribution. These include 420,000 for passenger cars. From April 1 to November 30, 1963, the total number of licenses issued for passenger cars in Alberta was 381,935, an increase over the 374,636 issued for the full year of 1962. Another startling increase was shown in the number of motor cycle licenses issued in 1963—5,592 to the end of



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And I'll have to clean up the mess;  
And the meals I'll prepare using  
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But most of all, I think of the hen  
And how she'd react if she 'em!

### Canadians Talk Most On 'Phone

Americans may be first in many fields, but not in phone conversations. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. reported last week that Canadians — for the 11th consecutive year — were "the world's most talkingest people" in 1963.

An AT & T survey showed that Canadians made an average of 613.4 telephone calls per person during the year. The U.S. was second with 556.6, and little Iceland third, with 527.1.

In number of installed telephones per 100 persons, however, the U.S. remained first, with 43.1; Sweden second, with 40.3, and Canada third with 33.7.

November, as compared to 4,879 for all of 1962. This was due mainly to an increase in the number of motor scooters in use, rather than motor cycles themselves. A total of 159,136 public service and commercial vehicles were licensed to the end of November, 1963, as compared to 153,220 for the same period last year.

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### NATO WARNING NETWORK IN NORWAY

FFS—the Joint Signal Administration, which plays a key role in Norway's extensive defense warning system, marked its 10th anniversary with a jubilee meeting in Oslo. In a couple of seconds, FFS chief Col. Bjorn A. Rorholt established direct microwave connection with Paris and Bodo, via the relay center atop the 5,643-foot high Gausta peak. Another highlight was the screening of a color movie depicting the microlink systems in Norway. Development of this network of radar and warning stations is considered one of Norway's most important contributions to the joint NATO defense.

In an address at the jubilee meeting, Defense Minister Gudmund Harlem thanked FFS for helping to develop the largest integrated microwave link in Europe. He noted that most of the electronic equipment has been made in Norway.

The three major systems include the Air Force radio link, the NATO infrastructure-financed radio link, and the Troposcatter network which links Norway with Turkey. Combined, they have a range of well over 300,000 communication miles.

FFS is also in charge of two LORAN transmitters on Jan Mayen island, of great importance to navigation in the North Atlantic, as well as the White Fox automatic radio system in Norway.

### Costly Goof By Lottery Brain

"Lotte," the electronic brain used by the Norwegian Lottery since 1960, recently goofed by getting its ciphers scrambled. As a result, it picked two Kr. 150,000 prize winners instead of one; four for the Kr. 50,000 prize, rather than two, and five Kr. 25,000 prizes, as against normally four. The erratic "Lotte" thus cost the Lottery Kr. 275,000 in extra prizes, to the delight of the lucky winners.

Last year, the Lottery had total ticket sales of more than Kr. 134 million. According to law, prize winners get 64 percent of the receipts; 31 percent is allocated to public service organizations, as decided by Parliament; and 5 percent goes to administration.

Norsk Tipping A/S, Norway's state licensed soccer betting monopoly, sold tickets for over Kr. 111 million last year. This was a good showing, considering that 4 of the 51 play rounds had to be cancelled. After deductions for administration, commissions, and reserves, the net proceeds will be allocated to science and sports. The company is jointly owned by the State, the Sports Confederation, and the Soccer Federation.

Pari-mutual wagers at horse racing and trotting track totalled nearly Kr. 60 million. So, all told, Norwegians spent Kr. 305 million on wagers.

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## Off-Beaten Path Areas In Scandinavia New Hotels, Transportation Routes Open

MONTREAL— Scores of new hotels and new transportation routes will make Scandinavia's off-the-beaten-path areas accessible and comfortable for 1964 visitors as the capitals already are, according to the tour experts of Scandinavian Airlines System here. Many of these improvements are in places often pictured on posters but not easily visited until now, and they range from the fairy-tale country-side of Denmark in the south to the "top of Europe," the Midnight Sun region that stretches across northern Finland, Sweden and Norway.

While some of the new hotels are large by Scandinavian standards, and Copenhagen, in fact, will introduce the biggest of them all, the 571-bed Danhotel, the emphasis is on the smaller, intimate hostelry combining all the latest conveniences with the charm of traditional Scandinavian decor.

In Denmark's fairy-tale country, for example, several new hotels are clustered around Aarhus, Jutland's seaport and the country's second largest city. The new Hvide Hus (White House) Hotel is within walking distance of Ebeltøft, 30 miles northeast of Aarhus and the centre of a region noted for its humorous folk tales. Ebeltøft also boasts of the "world's tiniest town hall." West of Aarhus is a new country inn, The Three Oaks, and to the south, surrounded by woods and lakes, is the Skanderborghus, a perfect headquarters for tours of the Silkeborg Lake district.

In Finland, the famed Aulanko resort hotel in a national park near Hämeenlinna, Sibelius' birthplace, has added 30 single rooms, making a total of 127 rooms, and renovated its convention facilities. Further north, on the Silver Line water coach route, at Tampere, where a unique revolving open-air amphitheatre has attracted world attention, is the new Kaupungin Hotel. The central southern lake district has numerous other modest-sized hotels, and Helsinki will have a new as yet unnamed hotel of 100 rooms ready for 1964.

Norway alone has about 1500 more hotel beds than a year ago. Half of these are in a dozen new hotels; the rest are in modern extensions to 18 popular older hotels.

For example, the Sogndal on the Sogne fjord and the Park Hotel Liland, at Voss, are new; the Solstrand Fjord Hotel at Os, near Bergen, and the Elvseter in the Jotunheimen mountains are among the many expansions, and one can chart a delightful itinerary by just following these improvements.

Sweden will have 3,000 more hotel rooms ready for 1964. Stockholm adds the 184-room Sjöfartshotellet, and the Reso travel organization is building a new hotel in Gothenburg with 230 rooms and another of 260 rooms in Malmö. Provincial towns along favored tourist routes will have many others. Jonköping, for example, on Lake Vattern and midway between Stockholm and Malmö, has just opened the ultra-modern Portalen.

Since the sea, fjords and lakes play such important roles in Scandinavian life, it's natural that many of the allied improvements are in water transportation, and here the star is the hydrofoil, the remarkable vessel that lifts its hull out of the water and is capable of fantastic speeds.

One of the first in Europe was the hydrofoil which links Norway's two gateways to the fjords, Bergen

and Stavanger, in three and a half hours, a voyage that is still made in 10 hours by overnight steamer. Next summer, hydrofoil service begins on the Oslo fjord and will link the Norwegian capital with Hanko, the yachting resort.

In Finland, the hydrofoil Tehi plies the beautiful waterways between Lahti, sports centre and the country's most modern town, and Jyväskylä, central Finland's cultural centre, cruising 50 miles an hour and making in two and a half hours a trip that used to take 10. New hotels at both ends of this route undoubtedly will add to its popularity.

The hydrofoil Serena links Stockholm with Finland via the Åland Islands, and which traditionally has taken an hour and a half, will be served by a hydrofoil making the connection in 35 minutes.

### DANISH READING

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Mr. Edgar Frey celebrated his 65th birthday recently. Hope you are feeling fine and we will see you celebrate many more birthdays.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Erik Bryldt Christensen at Grandin Tower as they celebrate their Silver Wedding anniversary in April.

It was nice to see Mrs. Ingrid Hansen who was up for a visit from Calgary. She told us she misses all of us up here. Mrs. Hansen and her son Oscar moved to Calgary a couple of years ago, as his job called him down there. It is always nice to meet old friends and to hear how they like it outside our City of good old Edmonton.

"BIKUBEN". I will just say there will be a meeting as usual the third Monday of the month, 10029 - 85 Avenue at 8 p.m. I am really disappointed that no more show up at these meetings. Last meeting two new ladies came who had never been here before and I sure was pleased to see them and hope you will both come again next meeting.

Mr. Otto Jensen left the middle of March to visit his parents in Denmark. His daughter, Birgit, will leave in April. She is going to Denmark to marry a farmer over there. Good luck, Birgit.

Ellen Nielsen is going around in a circle these days, the reason being, her husband Poul Nielsen is coming back on April 16th from St. Vincent Island, where he has been working for the last 7 - 8 months. He will be leaving soon again for another 2 year job on Barbados Island, a great tourist island. This time his wife and two boys will be joining him and are really looking forward to it. We hope to see them back in Edmonton someday, though.

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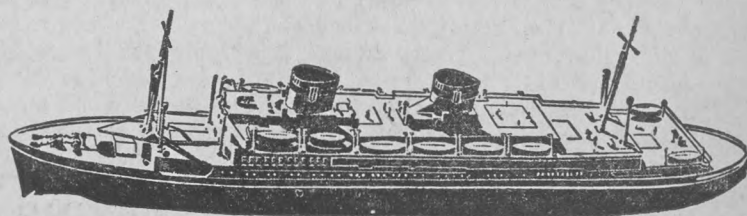
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Team standings as of March 13th has Eric Pierre's Stockholm's in first place with Vikings, Smorgasbord's, Ry King's, Swedes and Skandia following.

Men's High Single: Eric Pierre, 242; Men's High Triple, Harold Krag, 666; Men's High Average, Allan Dupuy, 199.

Ladies' High Single, Aileen Spencer, 220; Ladies' High Triple, Aileen Spencer, 468; Ladies' High Average, Emma Krag and Audrey Eliasson, 150.

## Bowling Tournament

Sons of Norway and Calgary Bowling Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Windsor Bowl. Following this will be a dance and smorgasbord at the Masonic Temple. Be sure and mark this date on your calendar.

## Scandinavian Curlers Entertained

Branting Vasa Lodge and Sons of Norway, Calgary were hosts to the Swedish and Norwegian Curling Champions at the Stampeder Hotel on March 13th. Greetings were extended from District and local lodges and the City of Calgary, with representation from Swedish and Norwegian Vice-Consuls. The Swiss curlers were also guests at this event.

This was the first time the Norwegian and Swiss curlers had entered this competition for the Scotch

Cup and they all felt that they would learn a great deal. As they were participants in last year's event, the Swedish curlers were more familiar with the competition and had a stronger rating for the Bonspiel.

Various guests were presented with mementos by the curlers. District Master of Vasa Lodge, Mrs. Margaret Eliason, attended this enjoyable banquet and found the enlightening and informative talks given to be most interesting.

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As you will realize by now, time is running out . . . advertising received after April 18th will not count towards the contest in which your lodge may win a paid-up share in the Scandinavian Centre.

This contest is very important to the Centre, as well as to your lodge, so . . .

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